Is This Islam?

ما وراء العبادات – Beyond Rituals أهذا هو الإسلام؟

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At our core, we all ask: Why are we here?

This book does not focus on rituals or the pillars of Islam. Instead, it presents Islam as a way of life — grounded in divine guidance through the Qur'an and the Prophet Muhammad's # example offering timeless principles for a meaningful, balanced life connected to Allah, to ourselves, and to the world around us.

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- **English translation**

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تم إعداد الكتيّب بأسلوب بسيط ومعاصر ودون ذكر مصادر تفصيلية وحفاظًا على الوضوح وسلاسة العرض.

الحياة الشخصية - Personal Life

1. Self-awareness & Identity - معرفة النفس والهوية

"And in yourselves—will you not then see?"

"Whoever knows himself, knows his Lord."

2. Values & Beliefs - القيم والمعتقدات

"Indeed, the believers are but brothers."

"Indeed, Allah commands justice and kindness"

"The most complete believers in faith are those with the best manners."

"Speak the truth, for truth leads to righteousness, and righteousness leads to Paradise"

3. Mental & Emotional Health - الصحة النفسية والعاطفية

"Truly, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest."

«إِنَّ لِنَفْسِكَ عَلَيْكَ حَقًّا»

"Your self has a right over you."

"The strong person is not the one who overcomes others in wrestling, but the one who controls himself when angry."

"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from worry and sadness, weakness and laziness, miserliness and cowardice, the burden of debt and being overpowered by men."

4. Self-esteem & Confidence – الثقة بالنفس وتقدير الذات

الْوَلَقَدُ كَرَّ مُنَا بَنِي آدَمَهُ

"Indeed, We have honored the children of Adam"

"Indeed, We created the human being in the best form."

"Let not one of you be an imitating follower"

"Whoever seeks Allah's pleasure, even if people dislike it—Allah will be pleased with him"

5. Motivation & Purpose - الدافع والغاية

﴿ أَفَحَسِبْتُمْ أَنَّمَا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ عَبَثًا ﴾

"Did you think We created you without purpose?"

"He brought you forth from the Earth and settled you upon it to develop and cultivate it."

"That He may test you to see who is best in deeds."

"The most beloved people to Allah are those most beneficial to others."

6. Habits & Discipline - العادات والانضباط

"Indeed, prayer is obligatory upon the believers at fixed times."

"The most beloved deeds to Allah are those done regularly, even if small."

"The feet of a servant will not move on the Day of Judgment until he is asked... about his life and how he spent it."

7. Mindfulness & Contemplation - التفكر واليقظة القلبية

"Those who remember Allah while standing, sitting, and lying on their sides, and reflect on the creation."

"And they ask you about the soul. Say, 'The soul is of the affair of my Lord. And mankind has not been given of knowledge except a little."

"The one who remembers Allah and the one who doesn't are like the living and the dead."

الصحة والجسد – Physical & Health

1. Physical Health – الصحة الجسدية

"And do not kill yourselves (or harm yourselves). Indeed, Allah is ever Merciful to you."

"Indeed, your body has a right over you."

"The strong believer is better and more beloved to Allah than the weak believer, though in both is good."

التغذية والطعام - 2. Nutrition & Diet

"Eat and drink, but do not be excessive."

"No human ever filled a container worse than the stomach ... a third for food, a third for drink, and a third for breath."

النوم والراحة - 3. Sleep & Rest

"And We made the night as a cover, and We made sleep a means for rest."

4. Exercise & Fitness – التمارين واللياقة البدنية

"O Allah, I seek refuge in You from incapacity and laziness."

"Teach your children archery, swimming, and horse riding."

5. Hygiene & Cleanliness - الطهارة والنظافة

"Cleanliness is half of faith."

"Indeed, Allah is clean and loves cleanliness."

"The Prophet : was known by his pleasant fragrance even before he arrived."

المرض والعناية الطبية - 6. Illness and Medical Care

"Seek treatment—for Allah has not created any disease but He also created its cure."

"If you hear of a plague in a land, do not enter it. If it occurs where you are, do not leave."

الصحة الجنسية - 7.Sexual Health

"Marriage is my tradition; whoever turns away from my tradition is not of me."

"O young men, whoever among you can afford to marry, let him do so, for it is more effective in lowering the gaze and avoiding adultery."

8. Substance Use & Avoidance - تجنب المواد الضارة وتعاطيها

"And do not throw yourselves into destruction."

الفكر والتعلم - Intellectual & Learning

1. Education & Knowledge - التعليم والمعرفة

"And say: My Lord, increase me in knowledge."

"Seeking knowledge is an obligation upon every Muslim."

"Whoever travels a path in search of knowledge, Allah will make easy for him a path to Paradise."

"O Allah, benefit me from what You have taught me, teach me what will benefit me, and increase me in knowledge."

2. Critical Thinking - التفكير النقدي

"Do they not then reflect on the Quran?"

﴿أَفَلَا تَعْقِلُونَ﴾

"Will you not then use your reason?"

3. Skill Development - تطوير المهارات

"Indeed, Allah loves that when anyone of you does a job, he does it perfectly."

4. Communication Skills - مهارات التواصل

"Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction."

"He who does not thank people, does not thank Allah."

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day should speak good or remain silent."

"The believer is not a slanderer, nor does he curse, nor is he obscene or foul."

إدارة الوقت والحياة – Time & Life Management

1. Goal Setting - تحديد الأهداف

﴿فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَبْرَ اتِ﴾

"So race to all that is good."

"Actions are judged by intentions. Everyone will be rewarded according to what they intended."

2. Productivity & Time Management – الإنتاجية وإدارة الوقت

"Two blessings many people waste: health and free time."

"When the Prophet # did something, he would do it consistently."

«اغتنم خمسًا قبل خمس: شبابك قبل هرمك، وصحتك قبل سقمتك، وغناك قبل فقرك، وفراغك قبل شغلك، وحياتك قبل موتك»

"Take advantage of five before five: your youth before your old age, your health before your sickness, your wealth before your poverty, your free time before your busyness, & your life before your death."

التخطيط المالي وعادات الإنفاق - 3. Financial Planning & Spending Habits

"Do not be tight-fisted or overly generous—seek balance."

"And do not waste [resources] extravagantly."

الزهد والبساطة - 4. Minimalism & Simplicity

"What is with you will end, but what is with Allah is everlasting."

"Be in this world as if you were a stranger or a traveler."

"Wealth is not in having many possessions, but wealth is being content in the soul."

"Detach the world and Allah will love you; detach what is in people's hands and people will love you."

التوازن بين العمل والحياة – 5. Work-Life Balance

"Your soul has a right over you, your family has a right over you — so give everyone their due right."

«ساعة و ساعة»

"An hour (for worship) and an hour (for relaxation)."

ترتيب الأولويات – 6. Prioritization

"Begin with yourself, then those you support."

7. Decision-Making - اتخاذ القرار

"Who seeks Allah's guidance will never be disappointed; and he who consults will never regret."

"Deliberation is from Allah, and haste is from the devil."

8. Coping with Change – التكيف مع التغيير

"Such days (of varying fortune) We alternate among the people"

"Know that victory comes with patience, relief with difficulty, and with hardship comes ease."

9. Death & Legacy - المعنوي – 9. Death & Legacy

"When a human dies, all his deeds end except for three: ongoing charity, beneficial knowledge, or a righteous child who prays for him."

العمل والمساهمة - Work & Contribution

1. Work & Skill Mastery - العمل وإتقان المهارات

"The honest and trustworthy merchant will be with the Prophets, the truthful, and the martyrs."

"Seeking lawful income is a duty upon every Muslim."

"No one has ever eaten better food than that earned by the labor of his own hands."

2. Volunteering & Charity - التطوع والصدقة

"The best of people are those who are most beneficial to others."

«كل معروف صدقة»

"Every act of kindness is a charity."

"Helping your brother in need is better than secluding yourself in the mosque for ten years."

«ما نقصت صدقة من مال»

"Charity does not decrease wealth."

"The most beloved people to Allah are those who are most beneficial to people, and the best deed is to bring happiness to a believer."

العمل الجماعي والتعاون – 3. Teamwork & Collaboration

"And cooperate in righteousness and piety, but do not cooperate in sin and aggression."

"The believer to another believer is like a solid structure; each part supports the other."

4. Leadership - القيادة

"The leader is a shepherd and responsible for his flock."

«سيد القوم خادمهم»

"The leader of a people is their servant."

5. Ethics at Work – الأخلاق في العمل

"Give full measure and weight with justice."

«التَّاجِرُ الصَّدُوقُ الأمِينُ مَعَ النَّبيّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ»

"The trustworthy, honest merchant will be with the Prophets, the truthful, and the martyrs (on the Day of Judgment)."

"Whoever cheats is not one of us."

"Pay the worker his wages before his sweat dries."

العلاقات الاجتماعية والتواصل - Social & Relationships

1. Family Life – الحياة الأسرية

"The best of you are those who are best to their families."

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him maintain kinship/family relations."

2. Children - الأطفال

"Each of you is a shepherd, and each of you is responsible for his flock."

"Fear Allah and be just among your children."

الوالدان – 3. Parents

"And your Lord has decreed that you worship none but Him and be kind to parents. If one or both of them attain old age with you, don't even express the slightest annoyance nor speak harshly, but speak to them with respectful words. And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up when I was small."

A man came to the Prophet and said, "O Messenger of Allah, who is most deserving of my good companionship?" He said, "Your mother, then your mother, then your mother, then your father."

الزواج / الحياة العاطفية - 4. Marriage / Romantic Life

"And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy."

﴿وَعَاشِرُو هُنَّ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ﴾

"And live with them in kindness."

«خِيارُكم خِيارُكم لنسائهم»

"The best of you are the best to their wives."

"Among the worst people before Allah on the Day of Judgment is a man who is intimate with his wife and then discloses her secrets."

حقوق المرأة – 5. Women's Rights

"Men shall have a share of what they earn, and women shall have a share of what they earn."

"Only a noble man honors women, and only a dishonorable man degrades women."

«استوصوا بالنساء»

"Treat women kindly"

الصداقة والعلاقات الاجتماعية - 6. Friendships & Community

﴿ وَلَا يَغْتَب بَّعْضُكُم بَعْضًا ﴾

"Do not backbite one another"

"None of you truly believes until he loves for his brother what he loves for himself."

"Allah helps the servant so long as the servant helps his brother."

«تهادو ا تحابو ا»

"Give gifts and you will love one another."

"Whoever covers (the faults of) a Muslim, Allah will cover him in this world and the Hereafter."

"The supplication a Muslim makes for his brother in his absence is accepted."

"He is not one of us who does not show mercy to our young and respect to our elders."

«المسلم من سلم المسلمون من لسانه ويده»

"A true Muslim is one who does not harm others by words or actions."

7. Neighbors - الجيران

«ليس المؤمن الذي يشبع وجاره جائع إلى جنبه و هو يعلم به»

"The believer is not the one who eats his fill while his nearest neighbor is hungry, and he knows it."

«من كان يؤمن بالله واليوم الآخر فلا يؤذ جاره»

"Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him not harm his neighbor."

«ما زال جبريل يوصيني بالجيران حتى ظننت أنه سيورثهم»

"Gabriel kept recommending treating neighbors well until I thought he would assign them inheritance."

حلّ النزاعات – 8. Conflict Resolution

﴿ وَالصُّلْحُ خَيْرٌ ﴾

"And reconciliation is best."

«ألا أخبركم بأفضل من درجة الصيام والصلاة والصدقة؟ قالوا: بلي. قال: إصلاح ذات البين»

"Shall I tell you what is better than prayer, fasting, & charity? It's making peace between people."

9. Social Etiquette & Manners - الآداب الاجتماعية

﴿وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا ﴾

"And speak to people good [words]."

«أفشوا السلام بينكم»

"Spread greetings among yourselves."

«تبسمك في وجه أخيك صدقة»

"Your smile to your brother is charity."

«الدينُ المعاملة»

"Religion is in interactions."

«إن من أحبكم إلى وأقربكم منى مجلسا يوم القيامة أحاسنكم أخلاقا»

"The most beloved and the closest to me on Resurrection Day are those with the best manners."

«إنما بعثت لأتمم مكارم الأخلاق»

"I was only sent to perfect good manners."

10. Non-Muslim Relations – العلاقات مع غير المسلمين

﴿لا إِكْرَاهَ فِي ٱلدِّينِ ﴿

"There shall be no compulsion in [acceptance of] the religion."

«كان النبي ﷺ يقبل هدية الكافر، ويعود مرضاهم»

"The Prophet # would accept gifts from non-Muslims and visit their sick."

الحياة المدنية والقانونية - Civic & Legal Life

1. Citizenship & Identity - المواطنة والهوية

﴿ واعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا ﴾

"And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided."

«لا فضل لعربي على عجمي إلا بالتقوى»

"No Arab has superiority over a non-Arab except by piety."

«المؤمن للمؤمن كالبنيان يشد بعضه بعضاً»

"The believer to another believer is like a building whose parts support each other."

2. Law, Justice, and Rights - القانون والعدالة والحقوق

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ﴾

"Indeed, Allah commands justice."

﴿إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُكُمْ أَن تُؤدُّوا الْأَمَانَاتِ إِلَىٰ أَهْلِهَا﴾

"Indeed, Allah commands you to return trusts to whom they are due."

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا أَوْفُوا بِالْعُقُودِ ﴾

"O you who believe, fulfill all contracts."

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُونُوا قَوَّامِينَ بِالْقِسْطِ شُهَدَاءَ بِلَّهِ وَلَوْ عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِكُمْ أَو الْوَالِدَيْنِ وَالْأَقْرَبِينَ ﴾

"O you who have believed, be persistently standing firm in justice, witnesses for Allah, even if it be against yourselves or parents and relatives."

«أفضل الحهاد كلمة عدل عند سلطان حائر »

"The best jihad is a word of justice before a tyrant ruler."

«الظلم ظلمات يوم القيامة»

"Oppression is darkness on the Day of Resurrection."

13. Voting & Political Participation - التصويت والمشاركة السياسية

"And consult among themselves in their affairs."

4. Taxes & Legal Obligations - الضرائب والواجبات القانونية

"You will never attain righteousness until you spend from that which you love."

"May Allah curse the briber and the bribed."

5. Public Safety & Violence Prevention - السلامة العامة ومنع العنف

"...do not transgress. Allah does not like transgressors."

"... whoever kills a soul is as if he had killed mankind entirely. And whoever saves one—it is as if he had saved mankind entirely."

"Do not cause harm, nor reciprocate harm."

"Removing harm from the road is a charity."

6. Police & Military - الشرطة والجيش

"Prepare against them whatever you can of power"

"Two eyes will not be touched by the Fire: an eye that wept from the fear of Allah, and an eye that stayed awake guarding in the way of Allah."

7. Civil Responsibilities - المسؤوليات المدنية

"You are the best nation produced for mankind—you enjoin what is right and forbid what is wrong"

"Obedience is due from a Muslim to the ruler"

البيئة والطبيعة – Environment & Nature

1. Animal Rights - حقوق الحيوان

"Fear Allah regarding these mute animals. Ride them in good health."

"Fear Allah regarding these mute animals. Ride animals while they are healthy and leave them healthy. Do not use them as seats for idle talk on the roads."

«إنَّ اللهَ كتبَ الإحسانَ على كلّ شيءٍ، فإذا قتلتم فأحسنوا القتلةَ، وإذا ذبحتم فأحسنوا الذِّبحةَ، وليُحدّ أحدُكم شفريَّه، وليرُحْ ذبيحتَه»

"Verily, Allah has prescribed kindness in everything. So, if you slaughter, slaughter well. Let one of you sharpen his blade and spare suffering to the animal."

"The Prophet 🛎 commanded that knives be sharpened and kept out of sight from the animals."

"The Messenger of Allah # cursed those who mutilate animals."

2. Planting & Sustainability - الزراعة والاستدامة

"Whenever a Muslim plants a tree or sows a crop, and a bird, a person, or an animal eats from it, it is regarded as a charity for him."

"If the Day of Judgment begins and one of you has a palm shoot in his hand, let him plant it."

"Do not cut down palm trees, nor burn them, nor destroy buildings"

"Whoever cuts down a tree (that provides shade) without cause, Allah will punish him."

الماء والصرف الصحى - 3. Water & Sanitation

"Do not waste water even if you perform ablution on the flowing river."

"None of you should urinate in still water and then wash in it."

4. Climate & Weather Awareness - الوعي بالمناخ والطقس

"The sun and the moon are two signs among the signs of Allah. They do not eclipse for the death or life of anyone."

العيش بوعي بيئي – 5. Eco-conscious Living

"The world is lush and green, and Allah has appointed you as stewards in it to see how you behave."

"Removing harm from the road is a charity."

الثقافة والترفيه – Cultural & Recreational

الفنون (الموسيقي، الشعر) - (Arts (music, poetry)

"Announce this marriage, perform it in the mosque, and beat the drum."

"Indeed, in some poetry there is wisdom."

2. Sports & Recreation – الرياضة والترفيه

"The Prophet said 'Continue! Play on!' watching kids playing with spears in the mosque."

"I raced with the Prophet # and I beat him... then later he raced me and he beat me.

3. Travel & Exploration - السفر والاستكشاف

"Travel through the earth and observe..."

"And We made you into nations and tribes so that you may know one another."

4. Festivals & Celebrations - الأعياد والاحتفالات

"Every nation has its festival, and this is our festival."

"Give a wedding feast, even if with only one sheep."

ثقافة الطعام والضيافة - 5. Food Culture & Hospitality

"The guest is the guest of Allah."

6. Style & Modesty - الأزياء والاحتشام

"O children of Adam, we have bestowed upon you clothing to cover you and as adornment. But the clothing of righteousness— that is best.

"And tell the believing men to lower their gaze and guard their private parts."

"Indeed, Allah is beautiful and loves beauty."

الروحانيات - Spirituality

1. Relationship with Allah - العلاقة مع الله

"And We are closer to him than his jugular vein."

"Call upon Me; I will respond to you."

"Remember Me, and I will remember you."

"Allah is more joyful over the repentance of His servant than any one of you would be"

12. Forgiveness & Mercy – المغفرة والرحمة

"And My mercy encompasses all things."

"Say: O My servants who have wronged themselves, do not despair of Allah's mercy. Indeed, Allah forgives all sins."

"Your Lord has prescribed mercy upon Himself."

"Show mercy to those on the earth, and the One above the heavens will show you mercy."

الشكر والرضا – 3. Gratitude & Contentment

"If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in blessings]."

"Be content with what Allah has given you, and you will be the richest of people."

"Whoever is not thankful to people is not thankful to Allah."

1. Suffering & Patience - المعاناة والصبر

"And Allah loves the patient."

"No fatigue, nor disease, nor sorrow, nor sadness, nor hurt... afflicts a Muslim, except that Allah expiates some of his sins through it."

"The greatest reward comes with the greatest trial."

"The eyes shed tears, and the heart grieves, but we say only what pleases our Lord."

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This is an invitation to see Islam beyond rituals — as a way of life, heart, and purpose.